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### Ration Cards:

1. The following ration cards are necessary for a person to subsist in Albania:
  - a. Triske Buke - ration card for bread
  - b. Triske Ushqimi - ration card for supplies
  - c. Triske Vesh-Menthie - ration card for clothing and shoes
2. The ration card for bread is valid only on the date printed on the face of the card, and the ration card for food supplies is valid during the month issued. However, when the distribution of food supplies is delayed, the card automatically becomes valid for the following month. Ration cards for clothing and shoes are issued quarterly and are valid for one year (from the date of issue?). If the bearer of the ration card for clothing and shoes loses his job during the year, he is obliged to return his ration card even though he may not have used the card to purchase clothing.
3. Ration cards are issued to employed persons at their place of work, and no documents are required. Employed persons supporting a family are required to sign a statement describing each member of the family.
4. Unemployed and aged persons obtain their ration cards from Zyra e Triskimit (Ration Card Office). A birth certificate issued by the Office of Civil Affairs must be presented together with a certificate indicating that the applicant has no income. The certificate of no income must be signed by the chairman or the secretary of the People's Council. Those classed as kulaks and reactionaries are not entitled to apply for a certificate of no income.

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5. All ration cards must be used in the community in which they were issued. However, persons travelling can use their ration card for bread in communities where they are visiting. In every town there is a bakery called Speciale where a traveller can purchase bread only. Ration cards cannot be used in restaurants and they cannot be replaced.

Farm Credit

6. Independent farmers cannot get credit from cooperative organizations; however, farmers belonging to a cooperative can obtain credit only if they can demonstrate a genuine need for the loan. Final approval for the loan must be obtained from the cooperative's assembly.
7. Independent farmers may get credit at the state bank only if the money is needed to build a house. The loan is approved if the applicant has already purchased half of the material needed to construct the house, and his property value covers the amount of the loan. In any event, the loan cannot exceed 250,000 leks.

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